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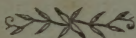
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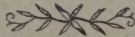
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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

For the town of Walpole, of Property, Taxes, etc., as assessed
April 1st, 1882.

Value of Real Estate,	\$961,738 00
“ 557 Polls,	55,700 00
“ 514 Horses,	36,106 00
“ 1427 Cattle,	47,740 00
“ 11370 Sheep,	35,336 00
“ 65 Hogs,	944 00
“ Stock in banks,	36,400 00
“ Stock in trade,	24,150 00
“ Stock in public funds,	16,000 00
“ Money on hand,	242,016 00
“ Mills and carriages,	4,726 00
“ Toll bridge,	10,000 00
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	\$1,470,856 00

Rate of tax, \$7.00 on one thousand.

Number of persons assessed on Real Estate,	439
“ “ assessed on Personal Property,	
not having Real Estate,	127
“ “ assessed a Poll tax only,	207
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TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE FOLLOWING

Appropriations voted March 14, 1882.

State tax,	\$3064 00
County tax,	2239 34
Support of schools,	3500 00
Town library,	185 00
For other town purposes,	1011 66 \$10000 00
Received savings bank tax,	\$1657 04
“ railroad tax,	472 78
“ literary fund,	183 54
“ Westminster, 1-3 bridge expense,	30 20
“ for 2-3 sale of toll house,	17 00
“ from county, due March 1st, 1882,	250 51 2611 07
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	\$12611 07

Am't of orders drawn for town expenses,	8066	59	
State tax paid by treasurer,	3064	00	
County tax " "	2239	34	
Excess of expenses over receipts,			758 86
	<u>\$13369</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>\$13369 93</u>

DISTRICT APPROPRIATIONS.

Fire precinct,	\$200	00
School District No. 1,	625	00
" " 2,	400	00
" " 4,	48	97
" " 14,	600	00
Highway tax, paid in labor,	1500	00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR PAYMENT OF
TOWN OFFICERS.

Henry S. Putnam, Selectman,	\$104	00
James H. Heald, "	94	00
Alfred W. Burt, "	189	00
A. P. Richardson, Town Clerk,	50	00
T. B. Buffum, Treasurer,	25	00
William Brown, Superintending School Committee,	115	00
C. R. Crowell, Moderator,	5	00
B. E. Webster, Supervisor,	25	00
C. B. Luke, "	25	00
H. C. Rawson, "	25	00
	<u>657</u>	<u>00</u>

POLICE.

Fred A. Lebourveau, 1881,	12	00
W. P. Chapin, 1882,	10	10
O. W. Rogers, "	19	50
W. P. Chapin, in Condon case,	7	00
O. W. Rogers, " "	5	00
W. H. Jennison, team to take Condon home,	1	50
	<u>55</u>	<u>10</u>

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Amount paid during the year,	547 70
Amount received during the year,	659 30
Bills paid since Oct. 1882, now due from county,	143 70

TOWN PAUPERS.

F. P. Downing, board and care of Frank Pratt,	16 30
George Pratt, " " "	10 00
A. P. Richardson, medical attendance, "	17 00
" " " Mrs. W. Hinds,	15 00
J. H. Hinds, board and care, "	15 00
C. C. Davis, goods for "	2 25
G. W. Cowdry, coffin for "	15 00
Mrs. J. Smith, board and care Asa Pratt's children,	63 44
S. O. Gates, care and funeral expenses, M. Priest,	13 00
O. J. Wilson, aid to Patrick Murray,	6 00
A. F. & F. O. Nims, wood to Mrs. Powers, 1881,	3 25
W. B. Porter, medical attendance C. Mead,	3 75
A. P. Richardson, " Ellen Costine	24 25
John Harty, board and care "	16 00
D. W. Brosnahan, goods to Mrs. E. Tole	37 49
J. McLaughlin, house rent "	20 00
D. O'Brien, milk "	10 28
L. G. & C. E. Howard, coal "	7 38
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BOOKS, STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

A. P. Richardson, stationery and stamps,	2 00
T. B. Buffum, " "	2 00
C. C. Davis, " printing	69 60
W. H. Spalter & Co., books	5 25
Whittemore & Co., "	3 73
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TOWN HOUSE.

O. W. Rogers, Mattress and repairing lock-up,	7 75
J. Selkirk, lumber for "	1 65
B. P. Owen, goods and labor	5 04
E. K. Seabury, "	5 73
E. A. Watkins, setting glass,	25

L. G. & C. E. Howard, glass,	\$ 3 25
D. N. Wright, wood,	8 00
J. C. Brown, "	11 35
T. F. S. Felch, care of house and sawing wood,	11 20
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

C. R. Crowell, taxes on collector's book for 1881,	\$45 32
Alfred Watkins, dog tax, 1881,	1 00
Justin Farr, " 1882,	1 00
Henry Bean, " "	1 00
Henry Allen, " "	2 00
J. W. Lockwood, real estate,	4 71
G. S. Wilder, mistake in inventory,	17 42
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	72 45

TOWN LIBRARY.

C. R. Crowell, appropriation,	109 50
W. F. Hayward, "	10 50
G. S. Wilder, "	5 00
R. L. Ball, care and room rent,	60 00
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	185 00

WALPOLE AND WESTMINSTER BRIDGE.

John C. Brown, snowing bridge, 1881-2,	14 00
John C. Brown, 4405 feet spruce plank,	57 26
L. S. Cady, putting on plank,	5 55
L. G. & C. E. Howard, for lantern,	3 00
Spaulding & Holland, lighting lamp,	4 50
D. M. Pollard & Co., kerosene oil for lamp,	4 04
C. C. Davis, posters for sale of toll house,	1 25
S. H. Porter, selling toll house,	1 00
J. G. Bellows, assessment Ashuelot Insurance Co.	6 90
B. P. Owen, lantern in 1881,	1 20
E. K. Seabury, sperm oil and nails,	10 94
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	109 64

BREAKING ROADS.

N. P. Moriarty, 1880-1,	\$ 15 52
George W. Graves, 1880,	18 00
Robert J. Cochran, 1882,	9 75
Geo. W. Goodwin, "	7 00
Isaac P. Pratt, "	8 10
Charles Gates, "	18 00
William E. Roy, "	17 55
Haskell C. Towne, "	24 10
Everett S. Towne, "	17 40
Edwin E. Webster, "	4 35
John W. Taggard, "	10 35
Samuel Royce, snowing bridge,	6 00
Harding Ball, "	4 90
William T. Ramsey, "	16 99
W. W. Guild, "	2 83
Edwin Guild, "	2 40
H. H. Thompson, "	1 50
Alfred Watkins, "	5 25
Nelson C. Smith, "	3 25
Moses Elliott, "	11 50
Warren H. Jennison, making paths, No. 1,	13 75
Alfred Watkins, 1883,	9 80
E. A. Watkins, "	3 75
Geo. H. Gassett, "	29 60
Haskell C. Towne, "	24 30
Isaac P. Pratt, "	17 85

 303 79

HIGHWAYS AND RAILINGS.

Charles Stowell,	23 12
A. A. Beckwith, Dist. No. 12,	7 70
J. H. Putney, work in 1881, No. 2,	20 78
George R. Jennison, No. 1,	3 99
John C. Brown, gravel and labor, No. 1,	16 36
E. M. Holden, work in 1881,	3 15
Charles Gates, No. 4,	7 00
Charles Fisher, No. 4,	9 00
Charles C. Worcester, No. 3,	4 75
Nelson C. Smith, " 2,	10 50

Moses Elliott,	No. 2,	56 75
Henry Wheeler,	" 4,	1 50
Matthew Tole, watering trough on highway.	No. 2,	3 00
John W. Taggard,	" " " 13,	1 50
Charles H. Graves,	No. 9,	7 05
Frank Dunshee,	" 9,	7 00
James Stuart, labor and railing-poles,	No. 3,	15 90
Curtis Wilber,	No. 9,	10 50
Levi K. Weatherbee,	" 3,	17 00
Henry Burt,	" 9,	7 31
Bolivar Lovell,	" 12,	3 00
George H. Gassett, labor,	No. 8,	31 35
John Harty,	" " 3,	5 00
Oscar W. Rogers,	" " 3,	12 00
John Harty,	" " 3,	4 00
Edward S. Bond, stone,	" 14,	12 00
John C. Emerson, labor,	" 13,	8 50
Bart. Kiniry,	" " 3,	2 75
Edwin E. Webster,	" 6,	3 50
Benjamin F. Brown,	" 12,	3 00
Warren Jennison, team	" 3,	4 75
Alonzo Jennings,	" 7,	2 25
Thomas C. Sparhawk, gravel in 1881-2,		25 50
John Selkirk, lumber and labor,		9 95
R. S. Blanchard, in 1881,		24 80
Thomas C. Peck, railing-poles,		6 40
George H. Angier, at washout,	No. 14,	11 50
Alfred Watkins,	No. 13,	6 50
E. A. Watkins,	" 13,	3 25
Fred W. Turner,	" 3,	1 20
Harding Ball,	" 13,	4 65
George W. Graves,	" 6,	6 60

 \$426 37

BUILDING AND REPAIRING BRIDGES.

Levi Burt, plank and stone,	21 54
Levi K. Weatherbee, stone and labor,	5 00
John W. Taggard, plank and labor,	3 50

H. H. Thompson,	\$ 2 00
Isaac P. Pratt, repairing bridge, No. 7,	48 90
Keyes Brothers, plank,	28 00
Moses Elliott, planking bridge,	1 25
Isaac M. Graves, work, No. 14,	7 00
David N. Wright, " "	20 50
Charles H. Graves, " No. 9,	23 15
Charles B. Hall, timber, plank and labor,	45 23
John L. Houghton, No. 10,	3 50
Albert H. Watkins, bridge and brook, No. 11,	26 25
Frank Dunshee, labor and timber,	13 50
James Stewart, " on bridge, No. 3,	1 50
Curtis B. Wilbur, bridges and brook, No. 11,	15 75
Henry Burt, labor, timber and plank, Nos. 9 and 11,	37 03
Nelson C. Smith, labor and spikes, No. 2,	11 20
Peter Reynolds, labor, No. 4,	3 25
John L. Houghton, labor and timber, No. 10,	13 25
John B. Knight, stone and clay, No. 11,	3 00
Oscar W. Rogers, labor, No. 3,	9 00
John C. Emerson, " No. 13,	5 00
J. P. Forristall, plank,	16 27
John Harty, labor,	3 00
Addison Miller, labor, No. 14,	11 00
Alonzo Jennings, " No. 3,	15 51
John Selkirk, lumber and sawing,	14 85
R. S. Blanchard, 1881,	7 32
A. F. & F. O. Nims, lumber,	16 23
William T. Ramsey, plank,	35 22
Moses J. Hale, labor,	1 00
S. A. Reed, plank, 1881,	3 52
F. A. Lebourveau, labor and iron,	3 40
John B. Russell, timber, No. 3,	2 50
E. K. Seabury, labor, plank and posts,	4 87
George W. Graves, timber, plank and labor,	36 25

 \$519 24

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, E. K. Seabury, committee,	\$1050 48
" 2, James H. Heald, "	767 16
" 3, John W. Prentiss, Jr., "	211 04
" 4, Ira W. Ramsay, "	220 96
" 5, Charlie A. Watkins, "	171 36
" 6, Edwin C. Webster, "	126 72
" 7, Farnham Marsh, "	121 76
" 8, Albert H. Kingman, "	146 56
" 9, John N. Hodgkins, "	171 36
" 10, Joseph Schneff, "	181 28
" 11, Herbert N. Hall, "	171 36
" 12, Moses H. Knight, "	211 04
" 13, Lucius Wellington, "	161 44
" 14, George H. Angier, "	181 28
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	\$3893 80
District No. 1, special tax, E. K. Seabury,	\$625 00
" 2, " James H. Heald,	400 00
" 4, " Ira W. Ramsay,	48 97
" 14, " John L. Hubbard,	600 00
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	\$1673 97

PRECINCT.

B. P. Owen, engineer,	\$200 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

A. P. Richardson, reporting births and deaths,	\$8 50
Vincent Gosselin, " "	8 00
Charles Fisher, surveying new highway,	4 00
James Dorney estate & others, land damages, new road,	12 00
Levi Chapin estate, " "	10 00
W. B. Porter, reporting births and deaths,	4 25

J. W. Prentiss, Jr., discount on taxes,	400 52
Eveline T. Atwood, damages, insufficiency highway,	125 00
Henry Burt, use of team and cash paid out,	38 60
Selectmen, bounty paid on crows,	14 80
C. R. Crowell, use of team and cash paid out,	21 50
H. E. Putnam, " " "	60 00
J. G. Bellows, counsel for town,	7 00
Insurance on town library,	22 75
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	\$736 92

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Justin Farr, in 1881,	\$ 4 00
Frank P. Downing, "	5 00
Hiram Watkins,	5 00
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	\$14 00

CEMETERY.

John W. Graves, repairing and painting hearse,	\$25 00
H. C. Towne, work on Carpenter's hill cemetery,	4 50
Moses H. Knight, Drewsville cemetery,	5 90
Addison Miller, shingling hearse house,	2 00
Ephraim A. Watkins, shingles and work on hearse house,	11 75
John Selkirk, cutting and sawing oak,	7 38
R. S. Blanchard, work and care cemetery,	56 75
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	\$113 28

RECAPITULATION.

Town Officers,	\$657 00
County Paupers,	547 70
Town Paupers,	295 50
Town House,	54 22
Town Library,	185 00
Books, stationery and printing,	82 58
Breaking roads,	303 79
Highways and Railings,	426 37
Building and repairing bridges,	519 24
Police,	55 10
Sheep killed by dogs,	14 00
Walpole and Westminster bridge,	109 64
Expenses of schools,	3893 80
Precinct,	200 00
Cemetery,	113 28
Abatement of taxes,	72 45
Miscellaneous,	714 17
Special district taxes,	1696 72
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	\$9940 56

TOWN DEBT.

Floating orders,	\$154 04
Due town officers, and unpaid bills, estimated,	1000 00
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	\$1154 04

ASSETS.

Due from Westminster since settlement,	\$ 6 50
“ State,—bounty paid on crows, 1880–81,	9 00
“ “ “ “ 1882,	14 80
“ County,—bills paid since Oct. 1882,	143 70
Taxes of 1881, uncollected,	109 65
“ 1882, “	1162 34
Cash in treasury,	52 62
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	\$1498 62
Assets over liabilities,	\$344 58

ESTIMATES FOR 1883.

Town Paupers,	\$400 00
Highways and Bridges,	1500 00
Town Officers and contingent expenses,	1400 00
Support of Schools,	3000 00
Breaking Roads,	300 00
State Tax,	3064 00
County Tax,	2239 34
Town Library,	160 00
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	12063 34
Less Savings Bank and Railroad Tax,	2129 82
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	9933 52

Respectfully Submitted,

HENRY E. PUTNAM,	} Selectmen of Walpole.
HENRY BURT,	
CURTIS R. CROWELL,	

Walpole, N. H., March 1st, 1883.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER, FOR THE
Year ending March 1st, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Received of C. R. Crowell, Coll., taxes for 1881,	\$ 1677 65
“ J. W. Prentiss, Jr. “ “ 1882,	11256 20
“ J. D. Bridgman, taxes and interest,	51 14
“ E. E. Pierce, on highway book,	1 98
“ County, for paupers,	659 30
“ State, for railroad tax,	472 78
“ “ savings bank tax,	1657 04
“ “ literary fund,	183 54
“ Town of Westminster, on bridge acc't,	21 70
“ for toll house and shed,	25 50
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	\$16,006 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid balance due treasurer,	\$803 99
“ floating orders for 1881,	46 35
“ town orders for 1882,	9786 52
“ state tax,	3064 00
“ county tax,	2239 34
“ interest,	14 00
To Cash on hand,	52 63
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	\$16,006 83

T. B. BUFFUM, Treasurer.

The undersigned committee, appointed to settle with the selectmen and treasurer, have examined their accounts and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

H. A. PERRY,
J. C. BROWN,
WINSLOW BARNETT.

REPORT OF THE TOWN LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last report,	\$ 13 34
“ Rec'd of librarian for fines and use of books,	5 16
“ “ Town appropriation,	125 00
	\$143 50

EXPENSES.

Paid for books purchased,	\$114 60
“ George S. Wilder, for shelves,	5 00
“ F. M. Hayward, for preparing catalogue,	6 00
“ Charles C. Davis, for printing “	16 00
“ Freight and Express on books,	1 62
Cash on hand,	28
	\$143 50

Your Committee respectfully submit that the liberal patronage bestowed upon our Town Library and the increasing call for good books, show that it is second to no institution in our town as a means of education and of promoting the culture and refinement of our people.

One hundred and forty-eight volumes have been added to the library the past year, of which thirty-three were presented by Mrs. M. C. Goddard. The whole number of books in the library is now 2794. In view of the expense necessary to keep the increasing number of books in suitable repair, your committee would recommend that \$125.00 be appropriated for that purpose and for the purchase of books.

C. R. CROWELL, W. F. HAYWARD, GEO. S. WILDER,	}	Committee.
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REPORT OF THE TOWN SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In submitting their Annual Report your Committee are glad to congratulate the town upon the general prosperity of the schools and to say that, in their judgment, the money raised by taxation for their support has, on the whole, been wisely expended. If we could reduce the number of schools by one-third, we feel that we could show better results for the same money. But as that is impracticable under existing circumstances, we must do the next best way. We believe that the amount of money appropriated last year (\$3500) is no more than sufficient to keep the standard where it ought to be. We therefore recommend the same sum for the year ensuing.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

DISTRICT No. 2.— This has been a profitable year for the schools in this part of the town. In both departments good results have been attained, which might have been very much increased without extra effort on the part of the teachers, if parents had taken more pains to keep their children in school, and to have them regular and punctual in their attendance. But we think, on the whole, that this evil has not been as great this year as in some previous years. It has also been confined mostly to the Grammar Department. This is explained by the fact that scholars are often kept out for work when they are old enough to attend this school. We think this a grave mistake, and earnestly advise parents to avoid it if possible. For the value of the school to the pupil is very much enhanced by regular and punctual attendance.

During the Spring term the Grammar department was under the care of Daniel H. Adams, who entered upon his school with an earnest desire and purpose to do his whole duty, and to advance the interests of the scholars in every possible way. In the course of the term, however, there were some cases of discipline which excited a prejudice against the teacher, and interfered to some extent with his usefulness. Being imperfectly informed as to the facts, the Committee are not prepared to pass judgment in the case. But we feel that we ought to give the teacher credit for his conscientious purpose to do the best possible thing he could for the school.

The Fall and Winter terms have been under the care of Mr. O. H. Carpenter, who has labored with unflagging zeal and diligence for the welfare of the school. His methods have been judicious and his spirit kindly and earnest. At the present writing the winter term is still in session. But the indications are favorable that good results will appear at the end of the term. The teacher has made some effort in the direction of occasional written examinations, the results of which have been quite encouraging.

The Primary department has been under the care of Miss Flora A. Willard through the year. Miss Willard has taught before in Walpole with good success. So that we were prepared to expect the best results in this more difficult field. In this the Committee were not disappointed. She labored with diligence and zeal for the welfare of all, and having the faculty of winning the good-will of her scholars, she governed the school with apparent ease. She also succeeded in getting them along in their studies, so that we feel that the people of the District ought to be fully satisfied with the services rendered.

DISTRICT No. 3.—The Summer and Fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Katie M. Fisher, a native of this town. She is young and without much experience. However, it is thought she gave general satisfaction. If she thinks of teaching, a little more schooling would not come amiss, it would make her more self-possessed, and give her a firmer step in the school room. Miss Fisher has the good wishes of the Committee.

This school is small and backward, but the Prudential Committee put a graduate of Brown University, Mr. Robert Alexander, in charge for the winter. He succeeded much better than was expected. He is well disposed toward his pupils.

DISTRICT No. 4.—The school year in this district was divided into three terms with as many different teachers. The Summer term was taught by Miss Carrie L. Wightman with her usual success.

During the Fall term Miss Katie Callahan of Westmoreland had charge. It was noticed that much ground had been gone over in the arithmetic that needed a thorough review. We do not hold Miss Callahan wholly responsible for this state of things, but trust that she heeded our suggestions at the time of our visit. There is quite a contrast between the older pupils in their style of reading in this school, Why not all read well?

Thomas C. Sparhawk, 2d, who taught a year ago successfully, has not failed to keep his reputation good. One pupil at the commencement of the school undertook to try the teacher's patience, but by decisive action on the part of the teacher, the spirit of rebellion was crushed.

DISTRICT No. 5.—In this district there was no summer school, a wise move; and the second good move was securing the services of a good teacher for the entire school year of two terms. It was observed when visited by the Committee that the school was in a docile condition. Where that condition is secured by teachers, their success is generally assured. Miss Addie R. Hall, of this town, early secured the confidence of her pupils, and thereby has given perfect satisfaction to all concerned,—a noble position to attain. The details of the school will be found in the table.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Miss Carrie E. Webster has had charge of this school for the twenty-seven weeks of the school year. The number of pupils has been small, ranging from eight to four during the three terms. But in the matter of attendance and punctuality, we must award to them the palm, none of the pupils having been absent or tardy during the year. An average attendance of one hundred per cent., with no tardiness, is seldom possible even in a small school, but when it is achieved

full credit should be given therefor. As might be expected, the scholars made good progress. They felt a deep interest in their teacher and sought to help her in the work which she was trying to do. The results are highly satisfactory. Jennie S. Selkirk and Lena Roy made no failure in spelling during the year. The people of this district are to be congratulated upon the fruits of their teacher's efforts.

DISTRICT No. 7.—The Derry Hill school has been taught for nineteen weeks, divided into two terms, by Miss Jessie F. Joslin, who has discharged her duties to the satisfaction of the Committee, and to the advantage of the small number of pupils committed to her care. Of course, no great enthusiasm could be excited with five or three scholars, which were the numbers attending during the two terms, respectively. But faithful service must be recognized, however small the field. For this we are glad to award due credit to Miss Joslin, and to express the hope that the town may be favored with further service from her in the same direction.

DISTRICT No. 8.—There have been two terms of school in this district, making a trifle over twenty-five weeks for the year. Miss Nellie E. Allen has had charge for both terms, and has discharged her duties with zeal and interest. The school was small but the pupils were interested in their lessons and did what they could. The teacher should be credited with earnest effort in behalf of her pupils, who made commendable progress under her instruction.

DISTRICT No. 9.—A few years ago there were thirty pupils in summer in this school, now there are not one-third that number. There were but nine during the past summer. They were under the care of Miss Addie R. Hall, who gave good satisfaction.

The winter school was taught by Miss Della G. Witt, of Drewsville, with her usual success. Her school was small, and pupils young and backward, but six hours a day in that old, dingy, cold school-room would make time hang heavy on almost any civilized mortal. A few dollars expended there, would make everybody connected with the school feel more comfortable and cheerful.

DISTRICT No. 10.—There have been two terms of school in this district,—in the Spring and Winter,—amounting in all to nearly twenty-three weeks. The Prudential Committee engaged the services of Miss Jennie F. Ball for the Spring term, who labored with intelligent zeal and diligence for the advancement of all her scholars. They made good progress under her instruction, and manifested such interest in their studies that it was regretted that her services could not be secured for the winter term, previous engagements preventing. Miss Ball is well known as a teacher to the people of this town, and she has done herself credit in all her schools.

In the Winter the school was under the care of Miss Julia L. Davis, who has taught here twice before. She is energetic and earnest and devotes herself to her duties in the school. There were some criticisms offered upon her methods in a few instances, but your Committee saw nothing when visiting the school, to lead them to think that her usefulness was seriously impaired. The interest of the pupils appears from the high average attendance, nearly ninety-eight per cent of the whole number.

DISTRICT No. 11.—This school was under the care of Miss Cora E. Townsend during the entire school year. Her education was obtained at the West, but her teaching has been confined principally to New England. There are but few small pupils who attend, summer or winter, in this district, and they are backward in their studies. At the close of the fall term some progress had been made in reading. Miss Townsend was not satisfied with her efforts. Although the results of her labors are not what could have been desired, yet the fault is to be attributed to no particular neglect on her part, but rather to circumstances beyond her control.

DISTRICT No. 12.—Three terms this year in this district. Miss Della G. Witt of Drewsville, taught the first term with acceptance to the Committee. The scholars appeared much attached to their teacher, and harmony seemed to prevail in the school room. Miss Witt is open to some gentle criticism for allowing her pupils to *guess* for answers to questions, and also, for not correcting minor details in the pupils' recitations. But, notwithstanding this, the school was fairly taught.

Miss Carrie L. Wightman taught the Fall and Winter terms giving general satisfaction. Miss Wightman is very lady-like in the school-room, and seldom fails to secure the good will of her pupils.

DISTRICT No. 13.—The Winter term of this school is still in session and will continue some time longer. There was also a Fall term of eight weeks. During both terms Miss Jennie F. Ball, who had such good success in the spring in District No. 10, had charge. The school is small and backward. But Miss Ball showed her capacity by infusing new life and interest into her pupils, and giving them substantial aid in their studies. We trust that the town will again have benefit of her efficient services in our schools.

DISTRICT No. 14.—This district has built a new school-house the past season, and has been in a condition somewhat feverish, deranging in a degree the spirit of harmony in the school. Miss Dora A. Wyman taught the summer term in the old dilapidated school house. Any one thinking to establish a good reputation as teacher, under such disadvantages, would sorely miscalculate. There was some growling, but it never came to the surface much.

In consequence of delays in building the new house, a room was obtained in Mr. George H. Angier's dwelling, where Miss Juliette Chappell successfully taught the Winter school. It is understood that some of the larger pupils contemplate leaving school at the close of the present term. Don't do it. Miss Chappell's reputation as a teacher, in town takes care of itself.

GENERAL REMARKS.

SCHOOL REGISTERS.—We notice that some of the teachers are careless in making up their registers. In several instances there are no marks to indicate the tardiness of the pupils, and in one case the average attendance is given as larger than the whole number of scholars. Other errors of minor importance occasionally appear. Such negligence is entirely inexcusable. It renders it impossible to present full tabular reports of the condition of the schools, and prevents any one from gaining

anything more than a cursory view of the work which is being done. Teachers should understand that the careful keeping of the record is as much a part of their duty as teaching. It should be understood that they are not legally entitled to compensation for their services until this is done.

TEXT BOOKS.—No changes of text books have been made during the year. It is believed that the books now used are doing good service, and that a change, even if made without cost to the pupil, would be of no substantial advantage. Publishers and their agents frequently try to make it appear that a change will be a good thing. And after a book has been used a long time there is some force in the suggestion. But our books have all been changed within a few years, and none of them, as we believe, have outlived their usefulness. For this reason we have been deaf to the appeals of interested parties for a change to something more recent. While a new book, presenting the subject in a more modern and attractive manner, will often stimulate fresh interest in study, we believe that as a rule, it is best to get good books and keep them for a long time. In our judgment no change will be needed here for several years to come.

DIVISION OF THE SCHOOL MONEY.—It will be observed by reference to the tabular reports that the smaller districts have had longer schools than last year. This is due to the fact that the town added five hundred dollars to the annual appropriation for schools.

In looking over the whole field, the Committee are satisfied that a less sum would be insufficient. The present method of division, however, needs, in our judgment, to be amended in order still further to equalize the length of the schools in the several districts. We have given the subject careful thought, and have no interest to serve except to promote the welfare of all the schools, and it seems to us that if the town should raise the same sum as last year, as we have recommended in our introductory remarks, and then appropriate eighty-five dollars to *each school*, (instead of seventy-five dollars, as hitherto,)

dividing the balance according to the number of children in the several districts, it would equalize the distribution as far as practicable under the circumstances. We therefore recommend this action as being, on the whole, best for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BROWN,

GEORGE ALDRICH,

Town Superintending School Committee.

NAMES OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

DISTRICT II, James H. Heald, James R. Fleming, Patrick Griffin.

III, John W. Prentiss, Jr.

IV, Ira W. Ramsay.

V, Charles A. Watkins.

VI, Edwin E. Webster.

VII, Farnham Marsh.

VIII, Albert H. Kingman.

IX, Nelson Hodgkins.

X, Joseph Schneff.

XI, Herbert N. Hall.

XII, Moses Knight.

XIII, Lucius Wellington.

XIV, George H. Angier.

ROLL OF HONOR.

This list embraces the names of all scholars who have been neither absent or tardy during one or more terms of the school year.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Not yet closed.

DIST. No. 3.—Albert L. Fisher, Clarence Weatherbee, Walter Weatherbee, Ivers Weatherbee.

DIST. No. 4.—Bertha F. Ramsay, Charlie L. Ballam, Sherman F. Ballam, Edwin E. Guild, Norman Guild, Oscar Landon, Annie M. Ballam.

DIST. No. 5.—Walter E. Graves, Willie B. Britton, Louisa E. Watkins, Carrie S. Watkins, Hattie M. Watkins, Lilla M. Thompson.

DIST. No. 6.—Albert E. Webster, Willie R. Selkirk, Fred W. C. Slade, Silas R. Angier, Jennie S. Selkirk, M. Lena Roy, Truth Fisher, Stella M. Slade.

DIST. No. 7.—Flora B. Pratt.

DIST. No. 8.—Gertie M. Towne, Mattie A. Kingman, Winnie S. Kingman, Bertie A. Kingman, Willie E. Towne.

DIST. No. 9.—Lillie E. Heald, Albert H. Hall, Emma L. Fuller, Willie W. Smith, Everett Field, Bennie J. Hall, Edward H. Fuller.

DIST. No. 10.—Florence J. Foster, Percy L. Hall, Clara B. Houghton, Mary L. Houghton, Katie M. Tiffany, Frank M. Houghton, Orrin E. Houghton, George B. Tiffany, Edgar S. Taggard.

DIST. No. 11.—Nellie M. Wilber, Nellie M. Ross, Jessie Chickering, Willie W. Wilber.

DIST. No. 12.—Willie H. Lovell, Joseph Cobb, Hattie Grant, Abbie L. Carpenter, May H. Elwell.

DIST. No. 13.—Claribel T. Ball, Amy A. Ball, Olla B. Comstock, J. Harry Jennison, George F. Jennison.

DIST. No. 14.—Lizzie O. Angier, Susie E. Brown, Jennie M. Brown, Louie J. Allen, Emma S. Hatch, Charlie E. Angier, Thomas C. Quinton.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE DISTRICT NO. 1.

It affords us much gratification in making our report for District No. 1, to be able to say that these schools have been in a good degree successful. The closing examinations showed that the teachers had been untiring in their efforts and that efficient and faithful work had been done by those under their charge, resulting in good progress in the acquisition of knowledge, as well as in developement of mind.

The High school has been during the year under the charge of Mr. Myron C. Pease, a graduate of Brown University, and a young man of good attainments and ability. He came to the school after a successful experience in connection with the High school at Providence, and seemed to enter at once into a lively appreciation of its needs. With earnestness and diligence he has labored to meet the wants of the several pupils under his care. He has infused into them new zeal and interest in study, and contributed largely to their progress in the several branches which they have pursued.

Having some knowledge of music, he has endeavored to interest the school in this department of knowledge; and the fruits of his efforts were apparent at the public examinations at the close of the Fall and Winter terms. Through his influence many improvements were made in the school-room, rendering it a much more attractive and pleasant place. Wishing to do more for the school than would otherwise have been possible, the prudential committee engaged the services of Miss Annette Brown to aid in the instruction of some of the younger classes during the winter term. This enabled Mr. Pease to devote his attention more fully to the needs of those who were pursuing the higher branches, and to secure better results for the whole school. Time would fail us to mention all the good points in

the work which he has attempted during the year. Suffice it to say that his efforts have been satisfactory to the committee and so far as we know, to the people of the district.

Mr. J. W. Prentiss Jr. was given the charge of the Intermediate school at the commencement of the year, which position he held until the close. Mr. Prentiss succeeded in gaining the affection of his pupils, and the school has been harmonious through the year. He labored earnestly to promote the interest of the school, and the closing examination showed that good progress had been made. Had he given a little more attention to discipline and taught the scholars to overcome their own little difficulties as far as they were able, better results would have been attained.

The Primary department has been continued under the instruction of Miss Jennie M. Ball, whose labors have been discharged with great faithfulness, and she has fully sustained her former good reputation. Good order and strict discipline have been maintained, and the advancement made has been really surprising. It is always a slow process to master the elementary principles, by the accomplishment of which, the key to knowledge is obtained. This work is begun in the primary school, and carried forward in a great measure by oral instruction with clear and careful explanations many times repeated. Consequently the best teachers are required in this grade of school, those endowed with skill and tact, and a large measure of patience ; and Miss Ball fills the bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. H. PORTER,
WILLIAM BROWN,

Superintending Committee for District No 1.

TABLE No. I.
SUMMER AND FALL SCHOOLS, 1882.

	*DISTRICTS,																		
	3	3	4	4	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	10	11	11	12	12	13	14
Length of School in Weeks,	10	10	9	8	10	11	12	8	11	9, 8	15, 4	10	9, 6	8	8	9	10	8	10
Wages of female teachers per Month,	20	22	22	22	50	23	20	20	20	24	20	20	24	20	16	16	20	22	20
Number of scholars over four years old,	11	10	15	13	11	8	5	5	3	7	8	9	12	8	9	15	19	9	15
Number of Scholars over sixteen,			3	2	1									1					
Average Attendance,	9	8	13	11	10	8	5	3	3	6, 6	7, 3	6	10	7, 2	8, 4	13	14	7, 7	13
Percentage of Attendance,	90	88	85	94	95	100	100	79	92	95	93	74	91	90	93	93	85	94	87
Number not Absent,	2	2	1		3	8	5	1	1	3	3	3	1	3	5	2	2	5	4
Number not absent or tardy,	2	2	1		3	8	5	1	1	3	3	2	1	3	2	2	2	5	3
No. of visits by Superintending School Committee,	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2
Number of visits by all others,	13	8	14	14	13	29	10	2		17	23	24	31	6	7	28	21	36	22

*The Tabular report for No. 2 will be found with that of No. 1.

TABLE No. II.
WINTER SCHOOLS, 1882-3.

	*DISTRICTS.													
	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	14				
Length of School in Weeks,	12	12	13	4	12	13	12	13		12				
Wages of male teacher per Month,	\$28	\$30	\$30	\$20	\$36	\$35	\$27	\$26	\$28	\$30				
Wages of female teachers per month,	11	15	12	4	10	19	8	13	16	13				
Number of scholars over four years old,														
Number of scholars over sixteen,														
Average Attendance,	10	13	11	4	9	18	6	10	13	12				
Percentage of attendance,	92	94	99	100	97	98	86	92	94	96				
Number not Absent,	2	7	6	4	5	8	1	4	1	6				
Number of scholars not absent or tardy,	2	7	6	4	5	8	1	2	1	6				
No. of visits by Superintending School Committee,	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2				
Number of visits by all others,	20		5	7	25	29		21	32	5				

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